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Dear Sir,

The proposed requirement of pasteurization of seafood in response to petitions by the Science in the Public Interest group is a simplistic "solution" to a more complex issue, which has far-reaching destructive effects on waterfront communities and industries all over the country.

It is imperative that the matter is given more complete attention, as many of these same communities were nearly destroyed by another ill-considered piece of Federal regulation, the "luxury tax" on boats -- which only served to bankrupt an American Industry and its' workers, and fatten the purses of European & Oriental boat builders.

There is an organization in place, the INTERSTATE SHELLFISH SANITATION CONFERENCE, which is prepared to assist in more properly dealing and researching with this issue. We encourage you to consider the matter more fully.

The FDA permits the ingestion, inhalation, etc., of substances much more likely to KILL you than a DISCRETIONARILY consumed piece of uncooked seafood. This is discriminatory, ill-considered, and capitulation to noisy factions who do not consider the entire picture. This could destroy whole communities of watermen, and for NO GOOD REASON. Please suggest to the CSPI that they cook their own seafood, not mine.

I exhort you to reconsider this matter in a broader perspective, and take no regulatory steps at this time.

Sincerely,

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